

Parent Bulletin

27th October 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

At long last students and staff can enjoy a well earned rest! Students have worked really hard through a long term so far and it has been packed with events and activities - not least a Halloween party for year 7s and 8s last nights! Well done to our students for organising the event and raising over £300 to put towards the Peru Expedition in 2025 - watch this space for news of more school discos and parties - I know they are already eyeing up the calendar around Christmas and Valentine's for more fundraising opportunities!

I do hope you enjoy the break coming up and many will be going on holiday to catch a little late sun before winter draws in! Do enjoy this time and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday 6th of November at the usual time. Please note that we will be returning to **'Week A'** on student timetables.

Reports

Attitude to Learning reports have been issued to Year 7-11 today. Please do take the time to read through these and discuss progress with your child over the half term. Year 12 and 13 reports which include latest assessment information will be issued after half term.

Remembrance Day

As we have done in previous years, we will be marking Remembrance Day on Friday 10th November in school with the whole school gathering together for two minutes of silence on the tennis courts. This is an important occasion for the school and one where our students have always been impeccable in their levels of respect and compassion shown. We are confident that our current students will maintain these high standards. Students who are members of a service cadet force are welcome to attend the day in their cadet uniform. Please note that we intend to show our respect for our service men and women whatever the weather if at all possible, so do check the forecast and make sure your child has a suitable coat for the weather.

Staff and student representatives will also attend the Remembrance Service at the cenotaph in Cheslyn Hay on Sunday 12th November, where a wreath will be laid on behalf of the school community.

Thank you to Hollybush Garden Centre!

A group of students started construction of a wellbeing garden by the school 'house' during active learning week at the end of last year. Very kindly, Hollybush Garden Centre has donated some gravel for the pathway and students came out to receive the donation earlier this week!



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Below you will find a couple more notices for your interest:

- News of a new [Teacher Training programme](#) being run by our family of schools: if you know of anyone thinking of becoming a teacher please do point them in the direction of our training programme!
- Some virtual [Apprenticeship Information Evenings](#) being run by local careers hubs - if your child is thinking about applying for an Apprenticeship this is a great opportunity to find out more about the programmes without leaving your home!
- Some information about [holiday offers from South Staffordshire Leisure Centres](#), including the Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre

Have a great weekend and a great half term!

Tom Macdonald

Headteacher

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Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30th October - 3rd November Half Term Break	Half Term Break				
6th November - 10th November	School returns Normal School Day	GCSE Resit examinations start			School Remembrance Service
Future Events					

Initial Teacher Training at Windsor Academy Trust

As part of WAT's partnership with the National Institute of Teaching as an Associate College, we are proud to announce that from September 2024 we will be offering our own **teacher training provision**. Applications for our Initial Teacher Training programme are now open for our **September 2024** intake. Initial Teacher Training is a fully immersive school-centred programme, with school placements available in one of our 12 schools or at one of the six Dudley Academy Trust schools. Applicants will be able to choose their main placement school when applying and we will endeavour to do our best to place applicants in their first choice school. Our trainees are also mentored and have central training once a week.

All of our teacher training courses lead to QTS (Qualified Teacher Status), a PGCE (Post Graduate Certificate in Education) and 60 Master's Level credits. Interested applicants can find out more via our Initial Teacher Training [webpage](#) and can apply via the [DfE Apply website](#). You can find us using our provider code 2HE or search for NIOT at WAT.

To find out more, please email us at teachertraining@windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Parent/Carer Virtual Apprenticeship Information Evenings

The ASK Programme and Stoke-on-Trent & Staffordshire Careers Hub are working in partnership to deliver a series of free webinars, aimed at Parents and Carers in order to broaden apprenticeship awareness, and eliminate misconceptions. Please secure your tickets using the links below. Sales are open now and close 3 days before each event at 5pm.

Monday 6th November- 6:30-7:30pm- What is an Apprenticeship?

Eventbrite link- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/740109777267?aff=oddtcreator>



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Monday 13th November- 6:30-7:30pm- Finding an Apprenticeship & Application Support

Eventbrite link- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/740182344317?aff=oddtcreator>

Monday 20th November- 6:30-7:30pm- What is an Apprenticeship?

Eventbrite link- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/740146487067?aff=oddtcreator>

Monday 27th November- 6:30-7:30pm- Finding an Apprenticeship & Application Support

Eventbrite link- <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/740188492707?aff=oddtcreator>

South Staffordshire leisure centres - Holiday Offers!

October school holiday swimming

The leisure centres will be offering daily swimming sessions throughout half term to accommodate young people and families. To view the swimming timetables visit [Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre Swimming | South Staffordshire District Council \(sstaffs.gov.uk\)](https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/cheslyn-hay-leisure-centre/cheslyn-hay-leisure-centres-swimming)

Active Youth Scheme – Discounted gym access for young people

Young people aged 13-16 years can enjoy discounted and supervised gym access as part of the Active Youth scheme.

- Young people can attend the gyms unaccompanied, during any of the dedicated 'Active Youth' times – these sessions are all supervised by a qualified gym instructor
- Young people will be required to undergo a free gym induction during their first 'Active Youth' session – this must be booked in advance
- A parent/guardian will be required to sign a declaration giving permission for their child to participate
- Young people can attend the gyms at any time when accompanied by a participating parent/guardian

Visit the website to view the gym timetables:

Cheslyn Hay -

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/cheslyn-hay-leisure-centre/cheslyn-hay-leisure-centres-gym>

Codsall -

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/codsall-leisure-centre/codsall-leisure-centre-gym>

Penkridge -

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/penkridge-leisure-centre/penkridge-leisure-centre-gym>

Wombourne -

<https://www.sstaffs.gov.uk/sports-and-fitness/wombourne-leisure-centre/wombourne-leisure-centre-gym>



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Useful Info

[WAT student and parent website](#)
[Class Charts Parents' Information Guide](#)
[Cheslyn Hay Academy Website](#)
[Revision Guide for Parents](#)

Remote Education

If you have any questions about remote education please contact Mr. Hood at info@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Student illness

Please let us know if your child is ill by reporting the absence through the Class Charts App or website. If your child is too ill to access the work via their Google Classrooms, please add this detail to the dialogue box. Please let us know how long you think they will be unable to complete the work and if the illness is suspected coronavirus

Questions or queries

General questions or concerns about your child, the work set or other issues please email CHA-HoH@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Updates and messages

The Student and Parent site is regularly updated with messages and guidance [Student and Parent / Carer Remote Working Guidance website.](#)

iPad for Learning Scheme

If you are a Key Stage 3 parent and would like to know more about our exciting new scheme, please email ghood@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

Technical Support for Google Classroom

For technical support, such as password resets, please use the technical help request on the Student and Parent site [Tech Help](#)

Safeguarding

The Cheslyn Hay Academy Safeguarding Team members are

Ms L Podmore
Mr D Wigg
Mrs S Saunders
Mrs K Spooner

Mrs J Bonser
Mr M Bourne

Please email cha-sgt@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk if you have any concerns.

However, if you have a safeguarding concern about a child please call First Response on **0300 111 8007** outside of the school's hours. If there is an urgent response needed please phone 999 or 111

For anything else please email headteacher@cheslynhay.windsoracademytrust.org.uk or use the contact us page on our website [Contact](#)



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Term Dates 23/24

Autumn Term 2023

Half Term: Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November
Inset Day: Monday 27 November
Inset Day: Friday 8 December
Term Ends: Friday 22 December
Holiday: Monday 25 December - Friday 5 January

Spring Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday 8 January
Half Term: Monday 12 February - Friday 16 February
Term Ends: Friday 22 March
Holiday: Monday 25 March - Friday 5 April

Summer Term 2024

Term Starts: Monday April
Half Term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May
Inset Day: Friday 21 June
Term Ends: Friday 19 July
Inset Day: Monday 22 July
Holidays: Tuesday 23 July - Friday 30 August

